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THE GOOD SHEPHERD

We quote from the first sermon the Bishop Coadjutor preached in Gloria Dei Church, Sunday, October 18, 1942, what may be considered the keynote of his Episcopate:

"I am happy to begin my ministry in this Diocese in the Parish where my great-grandfather, the Rev. John Reynolds, served as Assistant Minister from 1832 to 1834. His daughter, Charlotte, my grandmother, lived with us when I was a boy and, if the father was anything like his daughter, he was a most loyal and devoted servant of Christ.

"My home Parish is called 'The Church of the Good Shepherd.' In the service of the consecration of a Bishop, the Consecrator charges the new Bishop, 'Be to the flock of Christ a shepherd.' The Gospel read at that service is St. John's account of our Lord's talk with Peter during the post-Resurrection days. Jesus said to Simon Peter, 'Simon, son of Jonas, do you love me more than the others do? Then feed my lambs. Be a shepherd to my sheep.'

"The title, 'shepherd,' is a most inclusive one. Sometimes we speak of a Minister as a Priest and that does describe a portion of his duties. Sometimes we refer to him as a prophet, and that refers to another part of his duties. Sometimes we refer to him as a Minister or Rector. But the title that I like best of all is 'shepherd.' We translate the Greek word, 'good,' which is all right if you understand that you mean good in the sense of a good doctor, that is, a doctor who knows his business and does it. Our Lord said, 'I am the good shepherd and the Good Shepherd lays down his life for the sheep.'

"I begin my work with you with a sincere desire to be a shepherd of souls. Once the voice of God came through the prophet Jeremiah to the people in Jerusalem saying, 'Where is the flock that was given thee, thy beautiful flock?' I ask your prayers that when the same question is put to me, I may be able to answer as a faithful shepherd."

PAGEANTRY AT THE CONSECRATION

It was eminently fitting that the consecration of Bishop Hart should be a splendid spectacle of movement and color as well as a solemn act of spiritual dedication. We do well to hold such a service as this in our most beautiful Church and to surround it with the richest pageantry and most dignified ceremonial, for only so can its deep significance be visibly shown to the world, and only by such means can we ourselves be duly impressed with its weight.

When the American flag is raised over an Army post every morning the commanding officer does not say to one of the soldiers, "Bill, go out and run up that flag"; but with band and bugle, with march and countermarch and with all the pageantry of ordered motion that man can devise the soldiers perform the solemn act of raising to its place on high the symbol of all that their great country stands for. For the Army knows that if it abandoned all ceremony the flag would lose something of its sacredness in the soldiers' eyes and their devotion might languish and die.

We congratulate the committees who made Bishop Hart's consecration so beautiful and impressive, and we rejoice that our Prayer Book provides a service that makes that possible.

No one who is not on the inside realizes how much time and work has been given by many of the men and women of the Diocese, both clerical and lay, to preparing for the consecration. Literally for months these devoted people in a labor of love have worked night and day to prepare a program worthy of the occasion and to make everything run smoothly. Its success is their only reward, but we hope our readers will remember their services, and, if possible, add an individual word of praise. The whole affair is a striking evidence of the unity of the Diocese and of the willingness of our people to lend a hand. There is a grand text in the book of Nehemiah describing the rapidity with which the returning exiles rebuilt the walls of Jerusalem, which might well be applied to this Diocese—"And so built they the wall for the people had a mind to work." The consecration has demonstrated that the Clergy and laity of Pennsylvania have "a mind to work."

G. C.

A Great Occasion

The United Thank Offering and the Department of Christian Education of the Pennsylvania Branch of the Woman's Auxiliary, together with Forward in Service, are sponsoring a service in the Church of the Holy Trinity, 19th and Walnut Streets, Thursday evening, November 5th, at 8 o'clock. Bishop Hart will be the preacher.

ANNIVERSARIES AND NEVER A KID

The father of the Prodigal Son was a singularly unfortunate man. In the beginning of the parable he is having trouble with his younger son; at the end he is being rebuked by the elder.

If the complaint of this elder brother that his father had "never given him a kid that he might make merry with his friends" is true, the father is guilty of inexcusable neglect, and belongs in that large and unlovely group of parents who take an older son or daughter for granted and never think of making any public demonstration of appreciation of their devotion and loyalty. How many gentle, drudging older daughters there are who support whole families without ever being honored by a party or a present in appreciation of their self-sacrifice!

Why didn't the father ever give him a kid? He had plenty of opportunities. Every year the elder brother's birthday returned and presented a fitting occasion for a feast when he might have shown how highly he valued his son's services.

What blessed opportunities birthdays are! To husbands and wives, to fathers and mothers and to all true lovers anniversaries are God-given times for making outward signs of their heart-felt appreciation. Some wise families tighten the bands of unity by never letting the least significant anniversary go by without a celebration of some kind. A gift, a card, a note may be enough to show they remember.

Appreciation is an art and a grace. It is one of the graces of our Lord Jesus Christ, who when His Apostles complained because an impulsive woman "wasted" precious perfume on His head, surprised them by saying, "Let her alone. She hath wrought a good work"; and whose eternal joy in heaven is found in pronouncing His appreciation of man's little services, "Well done, thou good and faithful servant!"

But like every other art, appreciation requires imagination, and not every man is equally endowed with that marvelous power. Those who have imagination will not need any suggestions about taking advantage of anniversaries to show their appreciation. Those who have it not should study to practice daily "little acts of kindness and of love," and should keep a book of dates. And those who are parents should remember that, even if they can say to their children as the father in the parable said to the elder brother, "All that I have is thine," yet they should sometimes "give them a kid that they might make merry with their friends"; for appreciation should be shown as well as felt. And anniversaries are the best opportunities for that.

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The Bishop's Message

THANKSGIVING DAY had a great meaning when it was first instituted at Plymouth after their first harvest in 1621.

Of those intrepid servants of God who had braved the Seas that they might have freedom of worship, half were now beneath the sod. The harvest was poor and winter was approaching. So dark did everything appear that they appointed a day of prayer and humiliation before God.

Before that day arrived, a boat with provisions, seed and additional men was in the harbor. So great was their joy that the day was changed into a day of Thanksgiving. That day has been observed with some omissions until the present.

In 1864 President Lincoln appointed a day of National Thanksgiving and from that day to this, each President of the United States has followed his example.

What Nation has more than we for which to be thankful? What year more than this should make us conscious of our dependence upon God and thankful for the response of his people to the call of duty? We think of the woes and privations of the Nations of Europe and compare them with the great comfort we enjoy here. How slight our sacrifices are. We think of the multitude of young men and women defending our liberties and preserving our religion at the expense of extreme privation and perhaps of their very lives. We bear them in our hearts, but we are not unmindful of the thankfulness which we owe to God for them.

We may plan pleasurable things for the Day, but never forget that it is the call of the President to remember and thank God for all these blessings.

Let your first act on that day be attendance at your place of worship. This is both a religious and a patriotic duty.

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Thanksgiving Day gives us a great opportunity in a practical way to express our thanksgiving to God for

His manifold blessings to us. Established 91 years ago, the Episcopal Hospital has been our Church's greatest charity. Last year it administered to 8742 in the Hospital and 21,101 in the dispensary. Its annual budget is over half a million dollars.

In the early days there were men intensely interested in its work who contributed very large sums of money. These men are now dead, and though they liberally remembered the hospital in their wills, the income on endowments has so decreased that large offerings of the living are necessary to meet current expenses. Last year at the Bishop's request an offering of one hundred thousand dollars was made. This was four times the usual offering. While we could not ask that amount today, could we not, at least, ask each one to double his usual amount and make the offering fifty thousand dollars.

Money is more plentiful and many who had very small incomes last year have now doubled or more than doubled that amount. Let every member and friend of our Church resolve to contribute up to his ability for this great Christlike work and thus show his thankfulness to God and his love and care for his fellowman.

We are so happy over the election of the Rt. Rev. Oliver James Hart to be the Bishop Coadjutor of the Diocese of Pennsylvania. He has a noble history in the past; and, from our contact with him, we feel quite sure he will make a wonderful success in the Diocese of Pennsylvania. I want to say how happy I am personally and how sure I feel that together we will give to the Diocese a work greater probably than it has ever had before. All of our forces are in active movement, and we want every communicant in the Diocese to become an active worker.

Every age is a peculiar age and has its special duties, and so I do not emphasize the fact that this is a peculiar age; but we all must admit that it is and that the world needs *men* today in the Church of our Blessed Lord. The only thing that can bring peace on earth is the Gospel. In the early Christian age every baptized member of the Church was an enthusiastic missionary for the Church. I hope that it will be so in the Diocese of Pennsylvania, and that Bishop Hart will feel that he was called to one of the Lord's own places when he came to our Diocese.

Francis M. Taitt

CONSECRATION OF THE REV. OLIVER J. HART, LL.D., AS BISHOP COADJUTOR, CHURCH OF THE ADVOCATE

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 16, 1942

By a Layman

The consecration of Dr. Oliver James Hart, former Rector of Trinity Church, Boston, and former Ft. Dix Army Chaplain, as Bishop Coadjutor of the Protestant Episcopal Diocese of Pennsylvania took place Friday, October 16, in the Memorial Church of the Advocate, 18th and Diamond Streets, Philadelphia.

The consecration rites began at 10:30 A. M. in the traditional majesty of the Church's liturgy before a score of attendant Bishops, hundreds of clergymen in their bright-hued vestments and a congregation that packed the large high-vaulted structure to its doors.

When the service was completed, the new Bishop through the laying on of hands by nine members of the American episcopate, headed by the Presiding Bishop, the Rt. Rev. Henry St. George Tucker, became the newest member of that select company that has marched down the ages in the unbroken line of the Holy Apostolic Succession.

The most solemn moment came when the Bishop Coadjutor-elect, standing at the steps of the sanctuary which he had not yet entered, was vested with the chimere of the Episcopal habit, and had placed on his finger the Episcopal ring, the while his pectoral cross was hung about his neck.

The organ pealed out the majestic strains of the Veni, Creator Spiritus; Bishop Tucker repeated the prayer for grace for the new Bishop and the officiating Clergy led by two of the most venerable and beloved prelates of the Church, Rt. Rev. Francis M. Taitt and Rt. Rev. James E. Freeman, co-consecrators, gathered round to lay on hands.

Then did Oliver James Hart truly become a Bishop in the Church of God, as kneeling, he heard the words of the Presiding Bishop:

"Receive the Holy Ghost for the Office and Work of a Bishop in the Church of God, now committed unto thee by the Imposition of our hands; in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. Amen. And remember that thou stir up the grace of God, which is given thee by this Imposition of our hands; for God hath not given us the spirit of fear, but of power, and love, and soberness."

Then delivering to Bishop Hart the Bible, the Presiding Bishop said in part:

"Give heed unto reading, exhortation, and doctrine. Think upon the things contained in this Book. Be diligent in them, that the increase coming thereby may be manifest unto all men; for by so doing thou shalt both save thyself and them that hear thee."

The men and boys' choir of St. Peter's Church and the attending Bishops filled the chancel, while below them, facing each other across the nave, sat row upon row the vested Clergy, their robes a colorful foreground to the white and gold of the altar hangings.

Early in the ceremonies came the reading of the Epistle (Acts 20:17) by Rt. Rev. James M. Maxon, Bishop of Tennessee, and the reading of the Gospel (St. John 21:15) by Rt. Rev. William T. Capers, Bishop of South Florida. Then followed the sermon by Rt. Rev. Henry K. Sherrill, Bishop of Massachusetts.

Philadelphia Record

Procession of over 200 Clergy entering the Church.

Presentation of Dr. Hart to the Presiding Bishop was made formally by two of his close friends in the Episcopate: Rt. Rev. Richard A. Kirchhoffer, Bishop of Indianapolis, and Rt. Rev. Goodrich R. Fenner, Bishop of Kansas, after which the testimonials to his character were presented and he made the promise of conformity.

Rt. Rev. James DeWolf Perry led in the recitation of the Litany, and Bishop Tucker addressed the series of questions to Dr. Hart, touching his call to the Episcopate, his conception of doctrine and willingness to uphold it, and—

"Will you show yourself gentle, and be merciful for Christ's sake to poor and needy people, and to all strangers destitute of help?"

"I will so show myself, by God's help."

Followed then the laying on of hands, and the Communion service during which the Presiding Bishop conducted the celebration with the new Bishop assisting.

Bishop Coadjutor Hart becomes the fifth Bishop Coadjutor of the Diocese of Pennsylvania and the eleventh churchman to wear the Episcopal purple since Colonial times.

A Priest's Impressions

Two things seemed to stand out in my mind as the consecration of Dr. Hart took place: Unity and the Church's Mission.

The whole service pointed to the historic past of our great Church with the Apostolic Laying on of hands by the Bishops, and to the glorious opportunities for the future as symbolized by the offering for Missions throughout the world, which was given at the service by representatives of every Parish and Mission in our Diocese.

Prayers to the Holy Spirit not only were offered at the consecration service itself, but earlier that morning in various Churches throughout the Diocese, the Holy Eucharist was said, while many of the faithful, not able to attend the consecration knelt in prayer for God's guidance over the Bishop-elect.

One got a sense of the unbroken unity of our Faith in the ancient Liturgy which was said by the Presiding Bishop, the Most Rev. Henry St. George Tucker, as the Holy Eucharist began. When the choir of St. Peter's Church sang the Kyrie one sensed the gravity of our day, and the need of the whole world to fall on its knees and say, "Lord have mercy upon us."

After the collect was read, Bishop Capers of Texas read the Epistle, and Bishop Maxon of Tennessee read the Gospel. Having Bishops from all parts of the country participating made one realize too, that the work of the Church, and the spreading of Christ's Kingdom is not only the work of our individual communities, but of the whole Church united.

The various Clergy of other denominations, Eastern Orthodox, and Protestant participating, did not change our ancient order of service, but added to

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Bishop Hart's Message

I want to express my thanks to the Standing Committee and to all the sub-committees for their untiring efforts in connection with the service of consecration. From the outset Fr. Joiner, President, and Mr. William DuBarry, Secretary of the Standing Committee, worked diligently to see that every detail in connection with the service was well planned. So perfectly was their work done that at the service itself I forgot all about the details and entered whole-heartedly into its deeper meaning. During the days in which I was trying to prepare for the service, I kept remembering the words of a wise priest, "Don't get lost in the fuss and feathers. Remember that in the beginning our Lord just breathed on them." The letters which have come to me from so many of those who were privileged to be at the service, testify to the fact that they were not side-tracked by the fuss and feathers. One of the things that greatly contributed to this result was the superb music by the choir of St. Peter's under the leadership of Mr. Harold Gilbert.

It was a great joy to me to be surrounded by four of my seminary classmates at the service. Bishops Fenner and Kirchhoffer were two of my close friends at the seminary, the latter being my doubles partner on the tennis team. Fr. Williamson and Dr. Steele, two other classmates, graciously came to be the Attending Presbyters. The first Bishop whom I remember was the Rt. Rev. Ellison Capers, seventh Bishop of South Carolina. I was very happy when his son, the Rt. Rev. William T. Capers, third Bishop of West Texas, a former Priest of this Diocese, came to take part in the service in memory of his father, and to represent my native state. Bishop Maxon, Bishop Freeman and Bishop Sherrill, under whom I had served, all had a part in the service. Bishop Perry has long been my friend and for even a longer time was intimately connected with this Diocese. I succeeded Bishop Wingas, Rector of St. Paul's, Chattanooga, Tenn., and it was a joy to have him take part in the service. I hope that I shall share in the missionary zeal and world vision of the Presiding Bishop. I am sure that Bishop Taitt as one of the co-Consecrators was not acting only in an official capacity, but was trying to pass on to me some of his great love for the whole Church, particularly that part of it in this Diocese.

I cannot in this short article, mention personally all those whom I would like to mention, but I cannot refrain from expressing my gratitude to the Clergy of the Diocese for the Pectoral Cross. A committee consisting of the Rev. Dr. James M. Niblo, the Rev. J. Wesley Twelves and the Rev. Albert F. Fischer, Jr., selected a beautiful cross which will always mean much to me.

When the Standing Committee found that I was coming to Philadelphia on September 16 to deliver the commencement address for the University of Pennsylvania, they suggested that I remain here and take the month before the consecration to become acquainted with the work of the Diocese. They suggested that I do this "leisurely." I have had to revise my understanding of the meaning of "leisurely," but I did thoroughly enjoy that month. I appreciate the gracious welcome that has been extended to Mrs. Hart and myself from all over the Diocese. It will be a joy to work under Bishop Taitt and I pray that I will not altogether disappoint you in giving you the leadership which you expect and desire.

Oliver J. Hart

Bishop Coadjutor.

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

October 9, 1942

Dear Dr. Hart:

May I, as the day of your consecration as Bishop Coadjutor draws near, extend hearty greetings to you and to the Diocese of Pennsylvania.

I do feel that this exalted position to which you are called is one for which you have exceptional qualifications. I shall always remember the high spiritual quality of your work at St. John's here in Washington and I know that you will carry into the Episcopate, energy, vision and true apostolic zeal.

Very sincerely yours,

(SIGNED) FRANKLIN D. ROOSEVELT.

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Biographical Sketch

Oliver James Hart was born in York, South Carolina, on July 18, 1892, the son of George Washington and Ellen Hackett Hart. His education was obtained at Epworth Academy, Oklahoma City, Hobart College, Geneva, New York, and the General Theological Seminary, in New York City, from which he was graduated in 1916 with the degree of S.T.B. After his ordination to the diaconate by Bishop Burch of New York in 1916 he took postgraduate work at Union Theological Seminary and was awarded the degree of B.D. the following year.

While he was in the Seminary and during the year of his diaconate he served in the Church of the Good Shepherd, Greenwood Lake, N. Y., but in 1917 he returned to his native state as Curate of the famous old St. Michael's Church, Charleston, having been advanced to the priesthood by Bishop Guerry of that Diocese.

The war took him from St. Michael's during part of 1918 and 1919, as Chaplain in various branches of the Army, for which he received a Division Citation from the headquarters of the First Division.

Returning to St. Michael's at the close of the war he served another year as Assistant-Minister, and then became Rector of Christ Church, Macon, Ga., the largest parish outside of Atlanta in that diocese. While here the parish celebrated its 100th Anniversary, for which the young Rector wrote his "History of Christ Church Parish." Here also he married Mary McBee Mikell on July 20, 1921, and their only child, Oliver James Hart, Jr., now a student at Williams College, was born in 1923.

On March 15, 1926, Dr. Hart began his

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Sermon Preached at the Consecration of the Rev. Oliver J. Hart, as Bishop Coadjutor of Pennsylvania, October 16, 1942

St. Matt. 16:3. *Can ye not discern the signs of the times?*

We are met this morning in the quiet and peace of this church to consecrate a Bishop in the Church of God. As we proceed through the significant and familiar words of the Prayer Book, we are brought face to face with God in Christ, with the continuing spiritual life of the Church through the ages, the sources of inner strength, power and serenity. At such a time God, eternal life, high purpose and aspiration, are indeed very near. At the moment we seem far from the fox holes of Bataan, the long Russian front, the heat and the dust of Libya. It would be easy to forget that at this moment men, women, little children are toiling, starving, suffering and dying. But these hard cold facts must not be forgotten. They are our world, from which with the help of God we must be able to discern the signs of the times. There is always the danger that the Church and religion appeal to us as a possible escape from the stern and unpleasant realities of life. But the Church cannot be an ecclesiastical dugout into which we can crawl to escape the dangers, the burdens which are the common lot of all mankind, especially in these days. The Master could have remained in the peace and quiet of the green fields of Galilee and have held communion with God along the shores of the sea, but he was called by God to a ministry. "I am come to testify to the Truth" and "he steadfastly set his face to go to Jerusalem." To the disciples the acceptance of the Christian Gospel and way of life meant no escape from toil, imprisonment and suffering. Indeed Christianity committed them to these very burdens and difficulties. They were impelled to witness because they had in their turn been called by God to a ministry. "Necessity is laid upon me. Woe is unto me if I preach not the Gospel." As a result they learned that religion was not an opiate, a means of escape, but the mighty power of God working in and through them. They found the companionship of Christ, a consciousness of brotherhood within the Church, joy and peace, as they realistically met the tasks, dangers and opportunities of their world.

So it must be with us today. Every institution, every individual, are being tested as if by fire. The weak, the useless, the purely ornamental are by necessity being ruthlessly destroyed by the staggering progress of events. The Church cannot hope to plead special privilege. To quote Dr. Varry's phrase, "Are we relevant to our world?" Is what we are about in this Church today of vital significance, or are we merely perpetuating an ancient custom and ritual. What is the meaning of the Church, of sacraments, of the ministry, of prayer and praise. How applicable to the horror of a world at war are the Gospel, the teaching, the life of the Christ? These are questions which must fearlessly be faced. For if this service is not, so to speak, relevant, then no one of us ought to be here. Can we discern an answer to these questions in the signs of the times?

There will be those who will say that present events are a refutation of all that we mean by the Gospel of Christ. They declare we have had almost two thousand years of Christian teaching and missionary endeavor, and as a result look where we are. The real truth is, however, that the condition of the world now is convincing proof that Christ offers us the Way. It is an ironical fact that war with all its suffering and sin reveals to us in startling certainty the everlasting truth of Christ. This is no glorification of war, rather let us say that God makes even the wrath of men to praise Him. Let me give some illustrations of what I mean. The Christian Church has been engaged for many years in missionary work in China. The average American, even the average churchman, has had little interest in this cause. Indeed he has viewed the missionary as a vague and impractical idealist. "I do not believe in foreign missions" is a statement with all too familiar a ring. Now suddenly China, due to the exigencies of the war, has been discovered by all. We learn that what happens there is of vital concern to each and every one of us. Cities, leaders, and people known only heretofore by United States officials, traders and missionaries, are now objects of daily street corner conversation and concern. The war has made us realize as never before that the world is a unity. We have become acquainted with every remote quarter of the globe. We are compelled to speak today of United Nations, which is only a partial symbol of a greater truth long proclaimed by the Gospel and the Church. "God has made of one blood all nations of men for to dwell upon the face of the whole earth."

Again Christ has taught that human personality is sacred, that no man, a child of God, can be used as a means of exploitation. The war has shown the absolute and utter futility of imperialism. The talk of the white man's burden is meaningless in our world, for now we see exploitation without any window dressing whatsoever in all its naked cruelty and selfishness. We have learned incidentally the hard way that imperialism does not in the long run work. The Christian, the idealist, is proved to be more practical and efficient than the so-called hard-headed realist.

Again the Christian has talked of the family of nations which has never been accepted in practice. Now we should understand clearly the iniquity and the impracticability of high tariff barriers. We should know that if we are to ever have a better world through what we hope and pray will be a peace, which is the fruit of righteousness, there must be a sharing of raw materials. We must have a world rather than a Nationalistic economy, for no nation can ever be sufficient unto itself.

In our own national life, the Church in many ways has been preaching the social Gospel, the truth that we are members one of another. The war makes this so plain that even the most thoughtless must be able to discern the signs of the times. How clearly is evident the selfishness of the industrialist and the labor leader who have never mastered the fact that the supreme task is to serve the common good. No man's business or property or even life are solely his. All in the light of the national danger must serve when and where needed. There can be under present conditions no privileged class or race or group.

Once more, the Gospel has called men to personal discipline. "If a man will come after me, let him deny himself, let him take up his cross and follow me." Today we are all summoned to this control of self. We must learn to do without certain privileges and luxuries to which we have been so accustomed that we have taken them for granted. Take the matter of speed on our highways. Ever since the invention of the automobile we have been going faster and faster, even in many cases we have had no special place to go; with a resulting devastating sacrifice of human life. Laws, police, safety campaigns have had little effect. Then came the war and the gas and rubber shortage. We are compelled to drive more slowly and that is a remarkable decrease in fatalities. We see more clearly than before the terrific human price we have paid for unnecessary speed as a result of callous selfishness.

The war has affected greatly the life and practice of the ministry and of the Church. In Cambridge there is a school of Chaplains attended by representatives of every Church, working together, living together, in a spirit of cooperation and of harmony. Today wherever our forces are to be found, chaplains are ministering to men of their own church and of every church. This has all been brought about by the necessities of the war emergency. But, one may ask, are there spiritual necessities and emergencies only when men are fighting? What about the facts of a pagan world, the church as the Body of Christ and the pressing necessity of a united witness to the truth of the Gospel?

The difficulty is that all this wider vision and new understanding come as the result of the pressure of fear. We

must do this, we agree, or the Axis will win and we will lose our privileges for all time. We cooperate with other nations, however different they may be in race, in color, in culture, in ideology, because we must do so. People are interested in China and Russia because they are aiding us. We are having a large degree of national unity because it is essential to the war effort. We are more disciplined because we have to be so. There is greater cooperation between churches because it must be so. But the compulsion of fear is never permanent, for the moment the cause of fear is removed we are inclined to drift back onto the old ways. We should learn this to be true from recent history. Almost from the moment of the Armistice, the Allied Nations in 1918 indulged in secret and selfish intrigue. At home we went joyfully back to what was described normalcy. It is well for us to be reminded constantly of this fact, for unless we are on our guard we will repeat the same unhappy cycle. Gone will be the vision of world and national unity, of personal consecration and unselfishness. Let no one imagine for one moment that the forces of evil are so easily overcome. A better world, a nobler civilization—these will not come by themselves, they must be won in days of peace with the same intensity of purpose and completeness of sacrifice exacted by the realities of war.

One of the great tasks and opportunities of the Christian Church is to keep these ideals and purposes before us, and to change the driving compulsion of fear into the greater compulsion of love, the love of our fellows because the love of God in Christ constrains us. We must feel that the world is one because all men of every race, nation or color are the children of God. If Christ did not die for all men, then He gave His life for no man. We must apply the principles of Christ fearlessly to the society of our day. Selfishness is not good in peace times either. We are members one of another. He that is greatest among us is the servant of all. The Church must minister to her children in and out of the armed services. This is necessary what Bishop Brent once described as ambulance service, but he also said that the Church must be a cloud by day and a pillar of fire by night, to lead men out of the wilderness into a promised land. Can we not discern the signs of the times? Thank God the Gospel of Christ *is* relevant to our world.

The burning question must follow, "Is the Church relevant?" because there is that yawning chasm between the life and teaching of the Master and the practice of His disciples. The Church of today must be more Christlike, otherwise the world will meet us with the taunt, "Physician, heal thyself." The signs of the times call for greater consecration of life, wider vision, stronger wills. It is easy to dwell upon our weaknesses and failures. We do not put into missionary work the same devotion that we give to war service. We emphasize all too often the insignificant, for it is a curious phenomenon of religion that to many sincerely good and religious people the insignificant seems filled with great meaning and value. We strain at a gnat and swallow a camel. We talk of world brotherhood, yet find great difficulty in achieving the greater and more immediate brotherhood of Christian people. We are often too interested in ourselves, rather than in the infinitely greater will and purpose of God. We cry Lord, Lord, but we do not make real the tremendous import of those words by our actions in business, in the home, even in the Church. Our civilization is endangered, not simply because there are a few wicked leaders or evil nations, but because we all have a responsibility for moral and spiritual failure. The vital question is, Do we discern the signs of the times? Are we awake? To use a good old fashioned word, are we converted? For unless we are, we could win the war and yet lose those great objectives which are the sole justification of what men are called to pass through today. These spiritual questions cannot be put aside as unimportant until the war is won. A clear understanding of them is essential to the very effort we are making. We must lay a firm spiritual foundation now if we are ever to have a more Christian nation and world. The evidence of our purpose, let me repeat once more, cannot be in words but in character and in deeds. We none of us wish to live by wishful thinking but it seems as if the fields were white unto the harvest. Millions of people are disillusioned as to the promises and performance of recent years, but these same people are yearning for better days of freedom and of peace. We have the opportunity of leading them through Christ to God, whose service is perfect freedom. The Gospel *is* relevant. The Church can be made so through the means of sacrificial and heroic living. We should be driven not by fear but by the love of God in Christ.

My friends of the Diocese of Pennsylvania, we are met here in these terrible but thrilling times to consecrate a Bishop, but that act would be a sacrilege without also the consecration of ourselves. For we have come not as spectators but as participants in this service. I cannot fail to think of the long and great history of this Diocese from the very days of Bishop White, and of all that you have contributed through the years to the life of the Church. I say this not so much in praise as a reminder of a sacred responsibility. This trust cannot be met by one man, whoever he may be, or by a small group of faithful people. It is a task for all, every clergyman, layman and lay woman. The signs of the times call for all our united faith and action. We should feel the inspiration of this hour, have done with doubts, uncertainties, small loyalties, and say with Rupert Brooke, "God be thanked who hath matched us with this hour."

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Before the Consecration—Rt. Rev. James E. Freeman, of Washington, D. C., Dr. Hart, The Presiding Bishop, Henry St. George Tucker, and Bishop Taitt.

My Brother:

Those of us who have the privilege of your friendship know the spirit of consecration with which you enter upon the work which will soon be yours. For this opportunity you have had long preparation, serving so effectively in parishes in various sections of the country. Your previous and recent service as an Army Chaplain has given you an insight into the state of men's hearts and minds. You can speak not from theory but from experience. I know that the work of the pastoral ministry is close to your heart. Let me say that the Episcopate at its best is just that. The better pastor you are, the more effective will be your life as bishop. The times are hard. Some can only discern the sign of Jonah. But please God you and all of us may so live that we may see the sign of the Son of Man in heaven coming with power and with great glory.

BISHOP HART'S *Pectoral Cross*

The Clerical Brotherhood of the Diocese desired to present to Dr. Oliver J. Hart, at the time of his consecration to be Bishop Coadjutor, some gift as coming from his brethren in Pennsylvania. The Rev. J. Wesley Twelves, the Rev. A. F. Fisher, Jr., and the Rev. James M. Niblo were appointed a committee to arrange for such a gift. The letters sent to the Clergy of the Diocese met with a whole-hearted response and in a short time the necessary funds were in hand.

Dr. Hart was consulted by the committee as to what form the gift would take, and he graciously consented to receive his Pectoral Cross from the Clergy of the Diocese. Several designs were submitted by J. E. Caldwell and Co., which were shown to Dr. Hart, that he might guide the committee in the selection. The Cross decided upon is one of gold in Gothic form, simple and chaste in design, with a single amethyst set in the center of the arms of the Cross, suspended on a gold chain.

A large group of the Clergy gathered in the Bishop's Chapel of the Church House, and with Dr. Hart present, the Cross was blessed at a short service. The prayer of blessing was as follows: "O God, Who put it into the hearts and desires of these Thy servants, the Ministers of Christ and Stewards of Thy mysteries in this Diocese to honor Oliver J. Hart, our brother, soon to be a Bishop in the Church of God, by procuring for him a gift in the form of that instrument upon which the world was redeemed; have respect to our prayers and send Thy heavenly blessing upon this Pectoral Cross, that he who wears it may in all his works for Thee, be blessed by Thy divine power, and all who behold this symbol of salvation may rejoice in the blessings that flow from the Cross of Calvary; through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.

Dr. Niblo then presented the Cross to Dr. Hart, expressing the hope that the gift was an earnest of that relationship that would ever exist in the Diocese between Bishop and Clergy. Dr. Hart expressed his appreciation both for the gift and the hearty welcome with which he has been received in the Diocese, with pledge of earnest endeavor to carry out the work that will be his to do. The reverse side of the Cross bears the following inscription:

Oliver James Hart,
Consecrated October 16, 1942.
Esteemed by the Clergy
of the Diocese of Pennsylvania.

CONSECRATION OF THE REV. OLIVER J. HART, LL.D.

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it a fellowship which we must all have as Christians.

Bishop Sherrill gave his charge to the candidate who stood facing him, and gave us the assurance that our new Bishop Coadjutor would be a real Pastor, not because of theory, but because of his wide experience.

After the sermon, the actual consecration took place in the chancel as the candidate robed in purple cassock and rochet was presented by Bishop Kirchhoffer and Bishop Fenner. The Litany and Suffrages were said, the candidate gave his solemn promises to God and the choir and congregation then sang the Brotherhood of St. Andrew's hymn, "Jesus calls us," while the attending presbyters, the Rev. S. Tagart Steele, Jr., of New York, and the Rev. Frank Williamson of Yeadon, Pa., vested Dr. Hart. The chimere completed his Episcopal habit, and the ring a symbol of his authority was placed on his finger.

The pectoral cross which was placed around his neck was a gift of all the Priests of the Diocese, and this can be taken as another evidence of the unity and the opportunity of the future for this great Church. For surely each one of us will give his loyalty and devotion as we have to our beloved Bishop Taitt to him who is to be our future Pastor and shepherd of souls.—Veni, Creator Spiritus.

A Woman's Account

On Friday, October 16, for the fourth time the Memorial Church of the Advocate was the scene of the high and solemn consecration of a Bishop. All was in readiness, the beautiful and spacious Church with the altar agleam with candles, festival hangings and flowers. Gradually in good order some 1,400 men and women, all active workers in one capacity or another, filled every available space. Promptly at 10:30 the procession started and the vast throng of Bishops and Clergy, Episcopal and from other communions, came in while the congregation sang "Holy, Holy, Holy," "Rejoice Ye Pure in Heart" and "Once to Every Man and Nation." In increasing volume the singing swelled in glad thanksgiving.

Bishop Sherrill, of Massachusetts, recent Diocese of the Bishop-elect, preached the sermon from the text, "Can ye not discern the signs of the times?" Seated as we were in all the security of familiar surroundings and the strength of our Church, we were brought forcefully to the reality of our times. The preacher closed his sermon impressively by addressing a charge directly to the Bishop-elect, who rose and faced the Bishop to receive it.

The service continued; the elected one was presented to the Presiding Bishop; the testimonials were read by those appointed to do so; the Presiding Bishop questioned the elected one who answered with promises of comformity.

Up to this point in the service Dr. Hart was vested in cassock and long white linen rochet. While the congregation sang "Jesus calls us o'er the tumult," the rest of the Episcopal habit was put on, the chimere, his pectoral cross hanging from a gold chain and the Episcopal ring. These vestments were gifts from Trinity Church, Boston, and the ring from St. John's Church, Washington, where he had served. The cross was a gift from the Clergy of Pennsylvania. He then knelt and the consecrating Bishops, fourteen in number, encircling him, laid their hands on his head while the Presiding Bishop and the congregation sang antiphonally the "Veni Creator Spiritus" and the Presiding Bishop said the prayer of consecration. The newly consecrated Bishop received his Communion and then assisted the Presiding Bishop in administering the Holy Communion to those taking official part in the service and immediate relatives of Bishop Hart.

The blessing was given by the newly consecrated Bishop.

With great joy and thankfulness Pennsylvania welcomes our Bishop Coadjutor and Oliver James Hart, long prepared through faithful service as a Priest, as he enters into a larger field of usefulness in God's Kingdom on earth.

Some 1,500 people were guests of anonymous hosts at the Benjamin Franklin Hotel immediately following the Church service. This gave a delightful opportunity for Bishop and Mrs. Hart to receive the congratulations of the many out-of-town guests who came

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EPISCOPAL HOSPITAL

In Appreciation

In the death of Dr. Granville Taylor, the Hospital suffered a great loss. He was enthusiastic in his support of the Hospital, not only as a Board Member from 1928 until the time of his death, but in his work throughout the entire Diocese. He gave freely of his time and anything brought to him regarding the Hospital always merited his attention. It will be most difficult to replace him.

War Effects Staff and Work

Seven members of the Board of Managers are in the armed forces and numerous members of the Hospital Staff, Nursing Staff and personnel have enlisted. The loss of their services greatly increases the burden of work for those remaining at the Hospital, but we are glad to report that everyone cheerfully accepts this situation and has increased his efforts to render proper and adequate service to the patients.

The Hospital has been conscious of its part in the defense program of our country and is cooperating with the city and the local Office of Civilian Defense. Blackout constructions have been made and several perfect blackouts have been held during recent drills. Equipment to combat incendiary bombs and fires have been secured. Additional supplies of food, medications, surgical dressings and linens are in storage. Eighty emergency beds are conveniently located in the Hospital so that they can be put into use in case of a disaster. The Hospital personnel has been given a series of lectures on the duties of Air Raid Wardens and Emergency Police. The Medical Staff has organized into teams so that it can respond promptly when its services are required. Medical units have been organized to be transported to the scene of the disaster and supplies are packed in kits and always available to accompany each unit. This program has required large expenditures of money and time.

Federal Grants

The Hospital has been fortunate in securing Federal grants for the School of Nursing to aid in the war effort of securing nurses. These grants were given under specific conditions; namely, that the number of our faculty be increased and their qualifications meet certain required standards, certain changes in the curriculum and an increased enrollment in the student body. The first grant was for $6,000.00 for the February class. An additional grant of $7,000.00 was made to cover the expenses of an extra class admitted on June 1 and the students of which were enrolled in the University of Pennsylvania to receive their instructions in the basic sciences. This grant covered all of their expenses including tuition, room and board. After they have completed their work in the basic sciences, they will return to the Hospital to start their service on the Wards. A grant of $15,235.00 was made to cover the expenses incident to an enlarged September 1 class and the instruction of its students. In addition to the grants for the School of Nursing, the Hospital also secured a special grant of $1,800.00 for a Blood Plasma Bank which is now being installed.

A group of the Gray Ladies—Episcopal Hospital.

Special Gift

The Hospital also was the recipient of an Adult and an Infant Respirator from the estate of Mrs. Blanche D. Gilbert, who left a sum of money for the purpose of purchasing respirators for hospitals in Philadelphia.

Volunteer Workers

The loss of personnel of the Hospital to the armed forces and defense industries has created quite a serious problem which is being met through the aid of volunteer workers. At the present time, 80 Gray Ladies, 20 Nurses' Aids and 12 Canteen Workers trained by the Red Cross are giving their services to the Hospital. Each of these workers spends one or two days a week on duty and their service is invaluable. It is to be hoped that more women interested in the welfare of the Hospital will take the training offered by the Red Cross and volunteer their services to the Hospital.

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very successful rectorship at St. Paul's, Chattanooga, Tenn., to May 30, 1934, during which time he held the following offices: Deputy, General Convention, 1928 and 1931; Chairman, Department of Religious Education, 1928-29; Examining Chaplain, 1932-33; Dean of Knoxville Convocation, 1930-31-32-33-34. He was Rector at St. John's Church, Washington, D. C., from June 1, 1934, to October 1, 1940; member of Executive Council, Diocese of Washington; President of Washington Diocesan Clericus, 1937 and Deputy, General Convention, 1937 and 1940. Member National Forward Movement Commission, 1934-37; member of Standing Committee, Diocese of Washington, 1937-1940; member of the Society of the Cincinnati; member of the Board of Trustees of the Church Pension Fund in 1940.

He was elected Bishop Coadjutor of the Diocese of Tennessee, May 18, 1937, which he declined. He was elected Bishop Coadjutor of the Diocese of Central New York, September 14, 1937, which he declined. Elected Bishop of the Diocese of Delaware, September 21, 1938, which he declined. Elected Bishop Coadjutor of Pennsylvania, May 12, 1942.

He was Rector at Trinity Church, Boston, Mass., from October 1, 1940—October 10, 1942; Grand Chaplain, Massachusetts Masonic Grand Council, 1941; Chaplain, U. S. Army, February, 1942—August, 1942; 1229 Reception Center, Fort Dix, Rank of Captain.

Bishop Hart is a member of the following fraternities: Sigma Phi, Phi Beta Kappa, and Omicron Delta Kappa.

DIOCESAN *War Commission*

EMMA E. BREHM, Office Secretary

Tentative plans are being made for the use of one of our mid-city Churches as the center of much of the Diocesan War Commission's work for the men in service, and it is hoped that in the very near future such a Church may be secured, where men on leave will be able to come for general information, and find attractive game rooms and reading rooms and enjoy informal hospitality.

This set-up would offer various Church organizations a splendid opportunity in helping the service men pass their free time comfortably. The Church Periodical Club would no doubt help to supply interesting books, magazines, etc., and the Woman's Auxiliary, Girls' Friendly Society, Young People's Fellowship, and like groups would cooperate in offering entertainment, etc.

Similar centers have already been set up by other local War Commissions, and are demonstrating the Church's interest in the men in the service.

The Rev. E. Felix Kloman has recently been elected Chairman of the Protestant Church Council for Enlisted Men. This organization consists of interdenominational Protestant Churches in Philadelphia, organized to coordinate their facilities to serve the service men while they are guests of Philadelphia.

Under this Council a committee has been formed to seek the cooperation of central city Churches, supplementing the work of the U. S. O. with a definite program through the Church's hospitality. The Rev. Edmund B. Wood is Chairman of this committee, representing the Episcopal Church.

The Rev. Percy R. Stockman, Superintendent and Chaplain of the Seamen's Church Institute, has been appointed Chairman of the Recruits Division of the Recreation Committee of the Philadelphia Council of Defense. The Seamen's Church Institute is host to approximately 1,000 Navy and Marine Corps Recruits each month and his responsibility is to arrange a program of entertainment for recruits so as to relieve the pressure on the several U. S. O. facilities operating for the benefit of enlisted men.

The Rev. E. Felix Kloman has offered the cooperation of Christ Church. A program under the direction of Mrs. Charles H. Marsh, Jr., and Miss Ruth Richter, representing Mr. Stockman's committee, and a committee representing Christ Church, was inaugurated on Friday evening, October 9, in the Neighborhood House, 20 N. American Street. A similar program with the cooperation of the Girls' Friendly Society, under the direction of Mrs. R. Lockwood Jones, has been set up for Wednesday evenings. The Rev. Alfred W. Price, of St. Stephen's Church, has opened their Community Center to the Recruits Division on Monday evenings. The first program was held there October 19, with the cooperation of the Young People's Society and Mr. John C. Knox representing the vestry.

The Rev. Gustav C. Meckling and the Rev. W. W. Williams have offered the services of the Church in any way that may be useful to the officers and crew of the British tankers that come into our ports. These clergymen are at the disposal of the tankers' crews if they can be of any use, and have shown a wonderful cooperation and willingness in offering their services. The Rev. Gustav C. Meckling announces that he has held the first communion service aboard one of these British tankers.

The Commission is seeking to cooperate with the Navy Yard Chaplain and the Coast Artillery Chaplain located in Philadelphia. Father Forscythe is doing all in his power, as Chaplain of the Coast Artillery Regiment, to contact the Episcopalians located in this vicinity.

Mrs. Packard has very kindly offered the services of the Woman's Auxiliary to the Navy Yard Chaplain in offering to equip the Chapel for services.

Please note following correction: In the October issue of the CHURCH NEWS it was stated that Major Percy G. Hall was serving as Chaplain at Camp Pickett, Va. Instead it should have read—Lt. Colonel Percy G. Hall, Division Chaplain at Camp Blanding, Florida.

Diocesan War Commission Letters

A few of the letters that have come from the men and women in all branches of the service and of all ranks, expressing their deep appreciation of the Church's War Cross sent to them by Bishop Taitt:

FROM A PRIVATE IN THE ARMY AIR CORPS

"My dear Bishop Taitt:

"A few days ago I received the encouraging and inspiring letter which you sent me and also the War Cross which I now wear around my neck.

"I wish to thank you for both. As I go forth in the armed forces of the United States it is a never ceasing consolation to know that I go forth as a Christian. The cross which is a symbol of Eternal Life will be a constant reminder that I am serving in a high and noble cause. I feel that it will protect me and bring me back to my family safe and sound.

"Thanking you for your consideration and trusting that you will not cease to remember in your prayers not only my-

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During the first World War, the idea of the War Cross was originated by Mrs. James deWolf Perry, the wife of the Bishop. It was designed by Mr. Wilfred Anthony, of New York, and the Army and Navy Commission of the Episcopal Church distributed many thousands during that war.

Now the Commission is distributing many thousands more to men and women in the armed forces of the United States, reminding the recipient that he has allied himself with the Christian Church and with its purposes and that he goes into war as a Christian, realizing that he is doing his duty for a high cause.

The circle around the central cross is the symbol of Eternal Life, without beginning and without end. The four small circles with the cross in each represents the four corners of the earth.

The War Commission office has sent out 2427 crosses up to the present time, enclosed in the letter from Bishop Taitt, to the men and women from this Diocese, serving in the armed forces, and has contacted either the Chaplains in the camps or Rectors nearby the camps, notifying them of the individual's arrival, and commending them to their pastoral care.

It would be very helpful indeed if the Clergy in sending in the military addresses of the men and women serving in the armed forces, would also give their home addresses, thus enabling the Commission to contact them through their home in case of a transfer.

Do Your Christmas Shopping Early

The Mission Shop in Church House has many articles of unusual character from which you might select your Christmas gifts. These articles all come from our domestic and foreign missions, and are truly most attractive and reasonable in price. Do stop in and see them.

THE WOMAN'S AUXILIARY

MRS. SAMUEL P. FELIX, *Chairman of Publicity*

President's Message

When this issue comes to you, we will all have met our Bishop Coadjutor. As President of the Woman's Auxiliary I want to express to Bishop Hart on the part of the Auxiliary its loyalty and support, and the hope that we may be able to help in every possible way in carrying on the work of the Diocese.

There is so much to be done these days, so much to tell you about, it is difficult to know what can be left out. We gladly give space this month in THE CHURCH NEWS to the great event of the consecration, so I will only call your attention to three dates, all equally important and vital to every woman.

October 28—A meeting at Holy Trinity at 8 P. M. to hear a report of the state of the Church in the world from Bishops Keeler and Gilman sent by our Presiding Bishop with a special plea for everyone to come.

November 5—The United Thank Offering Presentation Service with the Woman's Auxiliary Educational Conference and the Forward in Service Commission. Bishop Hart will preach for the first time to the whole Diocese.

November 11—Church-Wide Day of Prayer. The responsibility of the Woman's Auxiliary to work toward the goal of having every Church in the Diocese open all day for prayer and intercession. Will you come and bring someone who does not usually share in these events.

MARGARET PACKARD.

November 11th, Churchwide Day of Prayer

Let every Church be open and plan for perpetual intercessions. To help carry this out this committee has prepared a leaflet complementary to the one issued by "Forward in Service," New York. The use of the two consumes about one half hour. They may be obtained at the Woman's Auxiliary office at $1.00 per hundred for both or 60 cents per hundred for the Auxiliary leaflet for those who have already ordered directly from New York.

December 8—A Quiet Day, conducted by Dr. Salmon, will be held in the Church of the Holy Trinity. All women in the Diocese are invited. Program as follows: Holy Communion, 8:30; breakfast, 9:15; matins followed by first address, 10:00; intercessions, 11:30; second address, 12:00; luncheon, 1:00 P. M.; third address, 3:15. It is hoped that women who wish to avail themselves of this will plan to give the entire time to it. Please make reservations through the Auxiliary office on or before December 1, charge $1.00.

MARIAN ANDREW BURTON.

MONTHLY CALENDAR

Tuesday, November 3rd

10:10 A. M.—Woman's Auxiliary Executive Board.
12:00 P. M.—Devotional Committee.

Wednesday, November 4th

10:30 A. M.—Committee on Negro Work.
10:30 A. M.—Diocesan Committee, Holy Trinity Parish House.

Thursday, November 5th

8:00 P. M.—United Thank Offering Service in conjunction with the Woman's Auxiliary Educational Conference and the Forward in Service Commission.
The Rt. Rev. Oliver James Hart, D.D., LL.D., Preacher, Holy Trinity Church, 19th and Walnut Streets.

Tuesday, November 10th

8:00 P. M.—Retreat for Women at St. Margaret's House, closes Wednesday at 8 P. M. Conductor, Rev. Vincent F. Pottle. Register through St. Margaret's House.

Wednesday, November 11th

Churchwide Day of Prayer.
10:30 A. M.—Domestic Committee. Bishop Ziegler of Wyoming as speaker.
5:45 P. M.—Junior Woman's Auxiliary and the Diocesan Evening Auxiliary Quiet Evening at Holy Trinity Parish House, conducted by the Rev. Edgar C. Young, D.D. Supper 6:30.

Friday, November 13th

10:30 A. M.—Church League for the Isolated.

Tuesday, November 17th

10:30 A. M.—Prayer Fellowship, Room 200 Schaff Building.

Wednesday, November 18th

10:30 A. M.—Foreign Committee.
10:30 A. M.—Department of Christian Education.

Friday, November 20th

10:30 A. M.—Department of Christian Social Relations.

Wednesday, November 25th

10:30 A. M.—Indians' Hope Association.
2:00 P. M.—Elizabeth Price Martin League, Philadelphia General Hospital Unit, in the Chapel at the hospital.

Friday, November 27th

10:30 A. M.—Church Periodical Club.

Tuesday, December 1st

10:10 A. M.—Woman's Auxiliary Executive Board.
12:00 P. M.—Devotional Committee. Informal instruction by Dr. Salmon.

Wednesday, December 2nd

10:30 A. M.—Committee on Negro Work.
10:30 A. M.—Diocesan Committee.

Tuesday, December 8th

8:30-3:15—Quiet Day at Holy Trinity Parish House. Dr. Salmon, conductor.

Farm School Boys Harvest Large Crops

Twenty new boys have been added to the roll of the Church Farm School for the Fall term which opened Friday, September 5. Three new teachers and a House-mother have joined the staff of workers to take the place of those who have resigned.

The school has entered upon its twenty-fifth year and although we are handicapped in many ways, we believe this will be our best year, best in academic performance and best in vocational training.

Our farm has been most productive this season and already we have harvested our small grain and forage crops. The boys have started to harvest the potatoes and corn.

The Print Shop of the school is running in full blast—five boys work in this department and turn out many orders of stationery every day.

The school has grown and progressed in an almost miraculous way in these twenty-five years. We have so much for which to be thankful. God's blessings have been showered upon us but our greatest blessing is the many friends who have been raised up to help the school year after year.

Book of Remembrance

"Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord from henceforth: Yea, saith the Spirit, that they may rest from their labours; and their works do follow them."

Elizabeth Garrett Harper, 1863-1941.
Florence Bell, -1941.
Julia Shipley Thomas, 1866-1941.
Elizabeth Wilmer Fuller, 1840-1918.
Emma Blakiston, 1860-1942.
Emily Grace Fenimore, 1875-1941.
Katharine Cheston Haines, 1873-1942.
Beatrice Osler Mockridge, 1872-1942.
Frances Pepper Scott, 1869-1942.

Recent Gifts

Two new dossal curtains have been presented to the Church of the Atonement, West Philadelphia, by Mr. Charles F. Wheeler, in loving memory of his sister, Mary J. Wheeler. The first, a green one, was consecrated at the morning service, September 27th. The second, a white one, was consecrated at the service on All Saints' Day, November 1st.

NOTICE

Parishes are asked to order "Forward Day-by-Day" direct from Sharon, Pennsylvania.

The Department of Religious Education and the Woman's Auxiliary will have individual copies on sale.

RELIGIOUS *Education*

By ELIZABETH P. FRAZIER
Field Secretary

Church School Institute

Church School teachers from all over the Diocese packed the Christian Association Building for the Annual Church School Institute on October 5. The capacity of the dining room is 300, so some 25 people had to get their supper in the neighborhood. They were able to get back in time to hear the messages from the Bishop and Bishop Coadjutor-elect which were inspiring to all and made us want to take our teaching responsibilities more seriously than ever before. From supper the group divided into four sections. The clergy and superintendents received many ingenious and helpful ideas for talks and sermons to children from the Rev. N. B. Groton, rector of St. Thomas', Whitemarsh. Dr. Groton uses objects of all kinds to illustrate his sermons, you know. Anything from thread to a model of a lighthouse or a rock seems to come in handy when Dr. Groton talks to children. Teachers of small children discussed with Miss Jane M. Welte the use of the Bible and received some very helpful ideas on what parts of the Bible can be used and how best to use them. Teachers of older children listened to Miss Dorothy Scott describe a project centered on the Bible that had been carried out in her parish. She showed that the handwork involved in the project aroused the interest of the pupils and that much Bible study was done in order to complete the project. Others spent this time studying the exhibit which filled the reception room. In the center of the room was an exhibit of old and interesting Bibles—the kind of an exhibit it would be interesting to arrange for in a parish on Bible Sunday. The work children had done, in Sunday and Vacation Church Schools, was very impressive. Bible courses were there and a table of new materials. The evening closed with Devotions led by the Rev. Frederick W. Blatz, chairman of the Department of Religious Education, with Mrs. John Loman at the piano. Mrs. Loman makes us realize what a difference the person at the piano makes to singing. It was inspiring the way that group of over 300 teachers and clergy sang 'Stand up, stand up for Jesus." This was followed by showing of two movies by the National Publishing Company president, Mr. Thomas. The movies showed the history of the printing of Bibles and in some detail the printing of Bibles today. These films may be secured at no cost from the National Publishing Company, Philadelphia.

Added to all this carefully planned program there was a spirit of fellowship at the Institute that was definitely felt by all, and which is something that many look forward to each year.

Diocesan Youth Convention

The Youth Commission of the Diocese takes pleasure in announcing the Third Annual Diocesan Youth Convention. It will be held on Saturday, November 7, at Christ Church, Second Street above Market Street. This year we are most

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fortunate to have with us the Rev. Curtis Junker, a field secretary of the Youth Division of the National Council who is in this Diocese for three weeks. Each parish has been invited to send four, one to be the official delegate and one a youth advisor. An interesting program has been arranged based on the theme, "The Church's Youth Defines a New World Order." The program is as follows:

3:30 P. M.—Registration.

4:00 P. M.—Business meeting. The Youth Commission and the Rev. Curtis Junker.

5:00 P. M.—Round Table Discussions.

1. How to Build a Program—The Rev. John N. Peabody.

2. Youth and the Homes of Tomorrow—Miss Blanche Nicola.

3. Youth and Racial Tolerance—The Rev. Wm. H. Jefferys, Jr.

4. Moral Standards for Youth Today—The Rev. Reuel L. Howe, S.T.D.

A conference for advisors of youth led by the Rev. Curtis Junker.

6:15 P. M.—Dinner. Speaker: The Bishop Coadjutor of the Diocese.

7:15 P. M.—Meditation.

8:00 to 10:00 P. M.—Dancing.

The registration fee for the entire conference including the dinner will be 75¢.

Week Day School

If you should drop in at St. Stephen's, Clifton Heights, on Friday afternoons, you would see the Parish House filled with boys and girls who have been released from school for Religious Education. This year the Committee on Weekday Religious Education in cooperation with the rector of St. Stephen's is using this school as an experiment in order to be better prepared to advise the Diocese in the problems involved in running a weekday school. The Committee is slowly building up a list of available teachers for Weekday Church Schools. Certain qualifications have been set up. Copies of these may be obtained from the Church House.

Interesting Talks

The School of Christian Education has started its sessions on Tuesday nights in the Church House. Those who have not been able to sign up for the classes may like to come to some of the Assembly Periods which are held from 7.45 to 8:30 P. M. On November 10, the Rev. Joseph Fort Newton, D.D., Litt.D., LL.D., will talk on Reading the Bible. On November 17, the Rev. Vincent F. Pottle will discuss Modern Bible Translations; November 24, the Rev. George A. Trowbridge will talk on the Social Teachings of the Bible; December 1, Mr. Harold W. Gilbert, organist and choirmaster of St. Peter's, Philadelphia, will talk and demonstrate Christmas hymns. The fee for attending one Assembly Period is ten cents.

The Clergy and Blackouts

The State Council of Defense is making it possible for Pastors to pass through the lines in case of a blackout or air raid. This makes it necessary that the Pastor should have a card and insignia furnished by the Defense Council showing that he is enrolled in the Civilian Defense Auxiliary Group.

The Defense Council has arranged with the offices of the Philadelphia Federation of Churches that Pastors may call at the Federation Office and receive an application endorsed by the Federation Secretary. This application is necessary and required by the Defense Council.

The application is then taken to the old Broad Street Station Building where the card and insignia may be obtained upon the payment of 10c. Outside of Philadelphia the clergy should apply to the Chairman of the Local Council of Defense.

The GIRLS' *Friendly* SOCIETY

By MADELEINE T. SPIESS, President

The Diocesan Members' Branch will entertain at dinner on Wednesday evening, November 25, in honor of Bishop and Mrs. Hart. The Diocesan officers also will be the guests of the Branch at this time, and the dinner will be held at the Churchwomen's Club where the Diocesan Branch is now meeting regularly on the fourth Wednesday of each month.

The Annual Corporate Communion, celebrated throughout the membership of the society on "the Sunday nearest All Saints' Day," will this year be celebrated on All Saints' Day itself. Offering is made for the All Saints Memorial Endowment Fund of the national society, and the names of any members who have entered into rest during the year are inscribed in the beautiful Book of Remembrance, kept at the National Office.

A pair of brass altar vases will be dedicated at St. Bartholomew's Church, 25th and Lehigh Ave., on that morning, in memory of Harriet Schell Hendrickson, long a member of the society at the old St. Jude-Nativity Branch, and since its disbandment, a member of the Diocesan Members group. The vases are given by Mrs. Hendrickson's associate and personal group to which she belonged. Rev. John S. Gillespie, Rector of the Church, is arranging to include the Corporate Communion for the G. F. S. people present within his usual 11 o'clock celebration.

A new Branch has been established (Juniors only for the present) at the Church of the Incarnation, Drexel Hill, with Mrs. John S. Buchanan as the leader.

St. Giles Stonehurst Branch announces a new leader in the person of Mrs. L. E. Shallis.

The annual Forum for Junior Leaders will be held in the Church House on Wednesday, November 4, from 2:30 until 9 P. M., under the chairmanship of Miss Caroline F. Wagner. To this event, people doing the Junior work come from all nearby Dioceses, and to it all women in the Diocese interested in work with children are most cordially invited. The program this year will include many types of handwork, the "work-shops" being repeated afternoon and evening so that all present may receive instruction in at least two; a recreational class conducted by Mrs. Charles H. Gardner, Director of Physical Education at the Friends Select School; and a session on Our Latin American Neighbors, led by Miss Elizabeth W. Beatty, Chairman for Missions, with Mrs. Harry L. Cutshall of the Children's Department, Woman's International Union, as the guest speaker. Rev. William P. C. Loane, of the Church of the Incarnation, Drexel Hill, will conduct a Service of Worship and speak at 5 o'clock.

St. Asaph's Christmas Letter

My dear People:

It seems strange to remember that it will be Christmas or later before some of you get this letter. This does not mean that the postal service has broken down, but that some of you are in the far away places in the world. To our soldiers in foreign lands I send the Christmas greetings of the Parish. God bless you and keep you, and bring you home to us again.

As I write this letter the number of men and women in the service now approaches seventy-five. It takes so long to read the list of names on Sunday mornings that we shall soon have to devise some means of shortening the service, but we shall not give up praying for you by name. It keeps you close to us, bound together "by that unseen chain of God's love."

Faithfully yours,
RICHARD T. LYFORD,
Rector.

DIOCESAN *War Commission*

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self and comrades, but also our mothers and relatives who are guarding the home front. I am,

"Respectfully yours,"

FROM A COLONEL IN THE ARMY

"My dear Bishop Taitt:

"At this late date I tardily acknowledge your letter of April 15. Things have been happening in such rapid succession that I have been prevented from answering your appreciated letter in the proper spirit and frame of mind before now.

"I am now in England where I have been for some weeks past. It is as you know a beautiful picture garden country with lovely churches and edifices of our faith. I have had occasion to see the famous Salisbury Cathedral and Christ Church near Bournemouth. We were privileged during our crossing to attend two 11 o'clock Sunday services aboard ship, at which a capable Army Chaplain of the Lutheran faith conducted a short but strictly Episcopal service in a most impressive manner. On the last Sunday of these two the sea and weather were atrocious but exactly right from the standpoint of avoiding the perils of war at sea at the most critical point of our journey. Although we all knew it was an excellent demonstration that God was on our side and we visibly felt it that day, which again fortunately was a Sunday. I expect during my service in England and where the opportunity affords to attend many services in the English churches.

"The Church War Cross is deeply appreciated. I have worn it since April with my identification tags which we wear constantly on a chain around the neck. It is with me always and I am deeply conscious of the spiritual blessing which your prayers and the War Cross carry. I shall live up to it and wear it in the proper spirit of humility and determination. I don't recall the War Cross in the last war and if it is a departure for this war it is a splendid undertaking on the part of the Church.

"Most sincerely and reverently,"

FROM A W. A. A. C.

"Dear Bishop Taitt:

"Thank you most sincerely for the War Cross you sent me. It was a most pleasant surprise as I did not know the Episcopal Church sent them out. The medal will be a constant reminder of the Church. It is very lovely and I will wear it always, with the hope that we W. A. A. C.s will be always able to assist in the final triumph of our way of life.

"Right now most of us have little contact with our own denominations. Chapel on an Army Post is quite informal. However, the Rector of St. Paul's Church in Des Moines wrote me a grand letter, and I plan to attend Church there on Sunday.

"Sincerely yours,"

FROM A NURSE

"Dear Bishop Taitt:

"I wish to take this opportunity to express my deep appreciation for the token of faith you have entrusted upon me.

"Although a member of your Diocese, I am thankful for your human kindness and remembrance shown toward me.

"Thru Him, may we trust and hope that we shall be together again sooner than we might expect at this time of turmoil and destruction.

"Affectionately yours,"

St. Titus Record

On September 30, Rev. Morris W. Derr, Vicar of St. Titus Mission, baptized eight children—an entire family, which is the largest number of children from the same family ever baptized in the 45 years' history of the Mission. Last spring the largest Confirmation Class (27) was presented by Mr. Derr.

Following his successful ministry at St. Titus, the Rev. Mr. Derr was transferred to the Church of St. George, Richmond, in the Convocation of North Philadelphia. There he succeeds the late Rev. Abel J. Arkin.

The YOUNG PEOPLE'S *Fellowship*

By JEAN H. SPARKMAN
Chairman of Publicity

In years past the Diocesan Young People's Fellowship has had numerous and varied Service Projects—some called for time, some called for money—many were successful, a few were not. But this year the Diocesan Executive Council has selected a project which is entirely different from former ones. Every individual Y. P. F. member who believes in the ideal of service will be able to do his bit in almost any way he prefers. He or she may act as an individual or with a group, may contribute much or little, skill or labor, time, money or material. One may well ask what this ideal Service Project is. The answer is St. John's Settlement House at 1332 N. 12th Street. Although comparatively new, this Settlement House, under the able leadership of William O. Gilbert, has, with very little means, done astounding and remarkable work in reducing juvenile delinquency, crime, and death in this predominantly Negro neighborhood, which formerly was considered one of the very worst neighborhoods in the whole city.

Since last month's issue, there have been two changes in our Diocesan Executive Council. Our Treasurer, Albert Whisman, has joined the Army, so the Executive Council had to find someone to take his place. Grace Duffy, of West Philadelphia Convocation, who has long been active in Y. P. F. work, was chosen to fill this vacancy. It now appears that all five Diocesan offices are filled by girls. The chairmanship of Northwest Convocation has been vacant since William Jobling went to serve Uncle Sam, but it has now been filled by Grace Monroe.

Again this year the Annual Diocesan President's Conference was held at Camp Taitt, near Quakertown, on September 12 and 13. The weather was warm and clear and the 35 young people who attended enthusiastically agreed that it was religiously, socially and educationally one of the best Diocesan Conferences the Y. P. F. has had.

Advance notice for those who are interested, the Annual Diocesan Dance will be held on Saturday night, January 16, at the Stephen Girard Hotel. To meet the times, girls who wish escorts and are willing to pay for the tickets will be provided with one of Uncle Sam's nephews in the service, if they will send their names and addresses to Miss Isabel Kennedy, 4542 N. 17th Street, Philadelphia.

Joint Annual Service of Colored Congregations

The annual service for all the Colored congregations of the Diocese was held at the new St. Thomas' Church, 52nd and Parrish Streets, of which the Rev. R. W. Bagnall, LL.D., is Rector, on Sunday evening, October 11, at 8 P. M. All of the Clergy of these churches, a majority of the licensed Lay-readers working in these churches, quite a host of acolytes from several congregations, the choirs including many junior choirs, and a record-breaking congregation crowded this Church for this annual service, and our Bishop and the Bishop Coadjutor were present also.

The Revs. R. W. Bagnall, LL.D., Thomas W. Logan, E. Sydnor Thomas and Edgar C. Young, Th.D., assisted in the service, and the Rt. Rev. Oliver J. Hart, D.D., LL.D., gave a brief address expressing his joy in being present at this service. After a hymn, our beloved Bishop, the Rt. Rev. Francis M. Taitt, D.D., LL.D., gave a helpful message in which he expressed his satisfaction in the work which is being done by all these congregations, the contribution of service being accomplished by the Clergy and the excellent standing of the colored work in this Diocese as compared with the same work in other Dioceses. The offering at this service was given to the work of St. Christopher's Mission in North Philadelphia. Our new Executive Secretary of the Diocese, the Rev. Charles H. Long, was also present among the Clergy.

Junior Woman's Auxiliary Calendar

1942-1943

November—Sectional Parish Meetings.

Wednesday Evenings, December 9 to February 10—Diocesan meetings at the Church House.

Thursday, January 21—Quiet evening.

Tuesday, March 9—Annual Card Party.

Wednesday, May 19—Annual Dinner.

Chapel Consecrated By Bishop Taitt

The beautiful Colonial chapel, recently installed in the new rectory of St. Paul's Church, Chester, was consecrated by Bishop Taitt in a brief ceremony on Monday, October 12. The Vestry was present, together with the donor of the chapel, Mrs. Florence W. Wilson, who recently gave her magnificent home and gardens at 1300 Potter Street, Chester, Pa., valued at $50,000.00, together with the chapel, in memory of her parents, Richard Wetherill and Ella Larkin Wetherill. The home, one of the most perfect examples of Georgian Colonial architecture in the country, is to be used as a rectory.

The chapel is installed in the house and has been designed and executed by DeLong and DeLong, nationally known ecclesiastical architects. The chapel will be known as the Richard Wetherill and Ella Larkin Wetherill Memorial Chapel, and will be open daily for meditation. In addition the congregation will have use of the spacious gardens, which comprise part of the property.

A trust fund has been established to provide for the upkeep of the memorial.

St. Paul's Church was founded in 1703.

Church League For the Isolated

The Church League for the Isolated is undertaking a new project. We are having the services of our Church started in the Tuberculosis Sanatorium at Cresson, Pa. Through a patient there, who receives our literature from one of the co-Chairmen, we learned that while there is a chapel in one of the buildings it is used only by the Roman Catholics and occasionally by the Presbyterians. The matter has been taken up with Bishop Mann, of Pittsburgh, in whose Diocese the sanatorium is located.

Bishop Mann writes us that his Archdeacon will let us know when he thinks it will be possible for him to visit Cresson. The delay is caused by his inability to secure tires at this time, although the Bishop himself has explained to the Tire Committee of Pittsburgh how much the Archdeacon is hampered in his work by not having them.

Another line of endeavor—the League finds there is duplication in the Forward booklets. The City Mission sends them to five of the city institutions, whose patients also receive them from us. We would like to substitute, if agreeable to them, some other pamphlet or prayer sheet. This will not be accomplished all at once, however.

Our next meeting will be held on Friday, November 13, at 10:30, in Room 1 at the Church House. Everyone is welcome.

MAY BELLE SYLE,
Chairman.

The House of the Holy Child

The House of the Holy Child would like to correct the impression which seems to exist in the minds of many of its former friends in the Diocese that it has closed its doors for child care. Such is not the case. The House of the Holy Child, recently situated at Spring House, Pa., and the House of S. Michael's and All Angels, formerly at 607 N. 43rd Street, Philadelphia, have combined to care in foster homes for dependent, neglected and physically handicapped colored children. The change in the last year from institutional care to foster care has increased our usefulness in the matter of numbers as well as in providing happy homes with normal family associations for the children. The following brief summary of the combined work of these two well known Church institutions in the Diocese will be of interest to their many friends:

What is The House of the Holy Child?

An agency for the care of dependent and neglected colored children of Philadelphia and vicinity.

What does it do?

Provides long or short time care in foster families for boys and girls of all ages up to eighteen; accepts children for convalescent care and continues the work of the House of St. Michael's and All Angels by caring for physically handicapped colored children in foster homes. Accepts a few babies from Child Welfare Services for adoption.

Trains professional workers by offering supervised field work to students in accredited schools for social work.

What did it do last year?

Received 223 inquiries and applications involving 351 children in 223 families. Gave information, referred to other agencies, or helped families toward a solution of their problems, enabling many children to remain at home.

Accepted 104 children for care.

Gave 44,237 days' care to 214 children from 197 families.

Discharged 52 children to their own families, relatives, etc.

Investigated 141 foster home applications. Used 91 foster homes.

How is it run?

By an Interracial Board and Staff.

How is it financed?

A budget of approximately $50,000 is met with funds from Philadelphia and other counties.

Community Fund.

City of Philadelphia Court allowances. Miscellaneous.

What is it spent for?

Board to foster parents; clothing for children; medical care for children; rent, telephone, office expenses, etc.; automobile; salaries.

Where may this service be contacted?

311 S. Juniper Street, Philadelphia. Executive Director: Mrs. Laura D. Nichols; President of Board of Directors: Mrs. Arthur U. Crosby; Vice-President: Rev. Robert W. Bagnall; Treasurer: Mr. George M. Dallas; Secretary: Mrs. F. Sturgis Stout; Cor. Secretary: Miss Katherine Parvis; Solicitor: Mr. Ernest Scott.

Clergy Changes

The Rev. Carroll M. Bates, formerly Assistant Minister of St. Alban's, Olney, is now located at New Castle Army Base, Wilmington, Del.

The Rev. Paul Collins, formerly Assistant Minister, St. Clement's, is now located at St. John's, Poultney, Vt.

The Rev. M. Heckler, temporarily at St. George's, Venango.

The Rev. William Powell, formerly Priest-in-Charge of St. Faith's Mission, Brookline, is now located at the Army Chaplain School, Harvard University, Cambridge, Mass.

Hon. George Wharton Pepper's Anniversary

At a meeting of the Vestry of St. Mark's Church, held on Tuesday, October 6, 1942, mention was made of the fiftieth anniversary of the Hon. George Wharton Pepper's service as Vestryman to St. Mark's. The following Resolution of the fact was placed upon the minutes of the meeting:

"It seems but fitting to make formal mention for the record of a fact concerning which all in the Vestry are no doubt acutely aware, namely, that sitting with us in this body is a man who has established a record of continuous and devoted service certainly unequaled in the history of St. Mark's and probably unequalled in the history of the Church at large.

"Mr. Pepper was first elected to the Vestry of St. Mark's Church on April 18, 1892—fifty years ago. He has been a member of this body ever since that time, participating in the shaping of every policy and taking a leading part in every activity, no matter how big or how small. During these fifty years he served twenty-one years (1894 to 1915) as Accounting Warden, and thus far twenty-five years (1917 to date) as Rector's Warden. Recitation of these bare facts is impressive but, when considered in the light of the energy, wisdom, foresight and passionate devotion with which the duties of these offices were and are being performed, they constitute a memorable record for which words are wholly inadequate.

"Therefore, on behalf of St. Mark's, the Rector, members of the Vestry and members of the Parish, we congratulate Mr. Pepper on this fiftieth anniversary of his election to this Vestry and wish for him and the Church the benefit and blessing of many more years of his inspiring leadership in its cause."

A Memorable Anniversary

On Sunday, October 4, 1942, the Rev. Horace A. Walton celebrated his fortieth anniversary as Rector of the Church of the Good Samaritan, Paoli. A special anniversary service was held in the morning, when The Rt. Rev. Francis M. Taitt was the preacher. The Church was filled with members of the Parish and former members, many of whom travelled over 200 miles to be present.

Since being called as Rector in 1902, the Parish has grown until today there is a flourishing Church school and a

REV. HORACE A. WALTON
Rector, Church of the Good Samaritan, Paoli

congregation of more than 400 communicants. A beautiful Church has been erected and acres of ground secured as a Church yard. The value of the property is $153,000.00. Mr. Walton has always emphasized work among men and boys, which is demonstrated by the large number of men at the services.

More than 20 men of the Parish are in the armed services and receive a letter each month from the Rector. Mr. Walton is the ideal Parish Priest—he knows all members by name and is constantly being called upon by those in difficulty.

During the past 40 years, 37 annual bazaars have been held under the leadership of Miss Emily Walton from which a total of $33,000 has been raised. The 1942 bazaar was named the "Phantom Bazaar." No bazaar was held, but gifts of money were requested from those who usually attended or contributed and a total of $511 was realized.

Hymn for Airmen

(Tune: "*Unde et Memores,*" Hymn 333)

O Holy Father hear our earnest prayer,
For all our brethren journeying through the air.
Enfold them 'neath the shadow of Thy wing,
And keep them safe from every evil thing.
Fog, wind and rain are all controlled by Thee,
In danger's hour grant Thy security.

Ascended Christ to Thee we make our prayer,
Encircle each brave airman in Thy care.
Preserve their going out and coming in,
Thy blessing grant them on their voyaging,
Let Cherubim and Seraphim attend,
And guard and guide them to their journey's end.

O Holy Spirit Who to man has given
To soar from earth toward the highest heaven,
Inspire the airmen in each flying hour,
Protect them and uphold them by Thy power.
When in the conflict they defend the right,
Let heart and hand be strengthened by Thy might.

Eternal Trinity for ever blest,
Legions of Angels speed at Thy behest,
These heavenly protectors deign to send,
Shielding the airmen to the journey's end.
And when at last the flights from earth are o'er,
Grant them safe landing on the further shore.

—*Ernest C. Earp.*

PROVINCIAL CONFERENCE OF CHURCH WORKERS

Despite the difficulties of transportation and gas rationing, our Provincial Conference of Churchworkers among Colored People held its meeting at St. Augustine's Church, North Philadelphia, from Tuesday night, October 6, to Wednesday night, the 7th inst. More delegates from outside Dioceses attended than were expected. The Rev. Tollie L. Caution was our Priest-host of the Conference.

At the opening service of the Conference, our beloved Bishop was present and gave the address of welcome for the Diocese; the Very Rev. Dean Shryock, of the North Philadelphia Convocation, spoke for the Convocation; the Rev. E. Luther Cunningham, Pastor of St. Paul's Baptist Church (Colored), spoke for the Interdenominational Ministerial Alliance, and the Rev. Fr. Caution gave the address of welcome for the congregation. The address of the President was delivered by the Rev. Dr. R. W. Bagnall.

After an early celebration of the Holy Communion next morning, the Conference settled down to organization. The Auxiliary Sermon was very eloquently presented by the Rev. A. E. Henry, S.T.M., of Wilmington, Del.

Among the Clergy and Layman delegates two papers were read. One by the Rev. Cedric E. Mills, of St. James Church, Baltimore, Md., on the subject "Is the Church Fulfilling Its Duty to the Negro," and the other on the subject "Is the Negro Fulfilling His Duty to the Church," presented by the Rev. Dr. Edgar C. Young of Phillips Brooks Memorial Chapel. Both papers brought forth a great amount of discussion.

Mrs. Francis R. Packard, President of our Diocesan Woman's Auxiliary, and Mrs. J. T. Davis, Chairman of the Committee on Negro work, were present and gave inspiring addresses to the Auxiliary group of the Conference.

At the closing session of the Conference, the Rev. John H. Johnson, D.D., Rector of St. Martin's and of St. Luke's Churches, New York City, and the Ven. Archdeacon B. W. Harris, of Southern Virginia, gave two challenging addresses, and the Necrologist's report was presented by the Rev. E. Sydnor Thomas, Rector of St. Barnabas' Church, Germantown. The theme of the whole Conference was "A New Technique for Negro Churchmen in This Present World Crisis."

New Student Centers

Three new Episcopal student centers are "open for business' this fall at strategic places. Last spring saw the opening of Canterbury House at Northwestern University. Foster House at the University of Alabama was ready to greet the boys and girls upon their return to the campus in September and on October 29th the Parish House and Student Center at Blacksburg, Virginia, was opened for students at the Virginia Polytechnic Institute.

At present the Church Society for College Work is making grants of $500 to $1,000 per year in each of these places. Grants made by the Society are invested in men, not buildings, and tangible results of college work stimulated by these grants are beginning to be more and more evident throughout the country.

For Bible Sunday

The BIBLE contains the mind of God, the state of man, the way of salvation. Its doctrines are holy, its precepts are binding; its records are truth. Read it to be wise, believe it to be safe, practice it to be holy. It contains light to direct you, food to support you, and comfort to cheer you. It's the traveler's map, the pilgrim's staff, the pilot's compass, the soldier's sword, the Christian's charter. Christ is its grand object, our good its design, and the redemption of man its end. It should fill the memory, rule the heart, and guide the feet.

Selected

Our Consecration

O Lord, open thou our eyes that we may see the vision of thy Kingdom here upon earth; speak to us that we may hear thy call above the voices of the world; open thou our lips that we may show forth thy praise; grant us grace to rise up and follow thee, our blest Redeemer, who gave thy life that all the world might look to thee and be saved.

AMEN

O Thou who art the Light of the minds that know thee, the Life of the souls that love thee, and the Strength of the hearts that serve thee; help us so to know thee that we may truly love thee, so to love thee that we may fully serve thee, whom to serve is perfect freedom; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

AMEN

THE FIELD DEPARTMENT

Bishop Tucker has requested the Diocese of Pennsylvania through Bishop Taitt to receive Bishops Keeler and Gilman to make a report on the state of the Church.

In view of the critical world situation and its implications to the Church in Parish, Diocese, nation and world, the Presiding Bishop is planning to make a "Report to the Church" this fall through speaking teams sent to fifty Dioceses. The primary purpose of the report is to awaken the Church to opportunities, needs and dangers of the situation both at home and broad, and to inspire our leaders to seize upon this moment for a great advance in every phase of the Church's life.

Plans for the Every Member Canvass were presented to the Chairmen at a supper meeting held in Holy Trinity Parish House on Wednesday evening, October 28. Mr. Joseph Boyle, the Editor of *Forth;* Bishop Taitt and Bishop Hart were the speakers. The canvass is to be held the last two weeks of November, although in many Parishes the canvass is held earlier.

Literature has been sent to all Rectors and Parish Chairmen for use of the canvassers. The literature is informative and instructive. No one should be able to say that they do not understand the missionary needs of the Church.

The Budget Committee held its preliminary meeting and is preparing quotas to be sent to the Parishes in the next few days. It is most important that Parishes and Missions accept the quota. Too many of our Churches have been sending in an expectation which represents only a small proportion of what the Parish might give.

The missionary life of the Church and therefore the LIFE OF OUR CHURCH is at stake. May we lay to heart seriously the danger we are in when anyone refuses to accept responsibility for the support of the Church at home and abroad.

THE CHURCH PERIODICAL CLUB

History always holds real interest for everybody, even though some may be like the old lady who said "she was splendid in history except for names and dates."

It is interesting to find in the history of the Church Periodical Club, that it was incorporated in 1892, fifty years ago, just four years after the Club was founded and in the same year as the death of the founder, Mrs. Mortimer Fargo, occurred. Her work of only four years' standing caught the attention of hundreds of devout men and women throughout the land. It was her aim and she accomplished it, so far as the short four years would permit, that the Club might be the means of establishing reading rooms to take the place of the saloons, now better known as "tap rooms," in low western settlements; also that by means of thoroughly systematized work, literature of every sort which would be of use to clergymen, missionaries and laymen might be sent by those who possessed it to those who could not afford it. Such is the aim today.

Everyone in this Diocese has a soft spot in their heart for the Hudson Stuck Memorial Hospital, Ft. Yukon, Alaska, so the following letter, coming through the National office, may be of interest to many. It is from Dr. Disosway, now in charge at Hudson Stuck Memorial Hospital, Ft. Yukon, Alaska.

"It is with great pleasure that I thank you for the books you sent to us from the C. P. C. in Southern Ohio. They arrived safely on the last mail. You may be assured that we will read them with interest and lend them to our friends. We certainly appreciate the gift. I trust you will extend our thanks to the C. P. C. They will certainly be a help to us in the dark winter days.

"I am sure you know a great deal about the hospital. I was asked to come and take charge last July with the hope that I would remain for the duration of the China war. You see I had just reached home from war-torn Shanghai when the Church asked me to come on here. Have been here a year and am enjoying the work. Of course it is quite different from my life at St. Elizabeth's Hospital in Shanghai where I was stationed for fifteen years. But the work here is most interesting and I love the Indians. The hospital is a 40-bed one for men, women and children and is for general medicine. They have been without a doctor for over a year so that the past year has brought a great deal of reorganizing. We actually take care of patients from a radius of over a thousand miles. We are the only hospital between Tanana and Dawson. Ft. Yukon, itself, has an Indian population of about 300 and 50 white people, but patients came from all the surrounding country. They come by plane, boat, trekking, etc., in summer. In winter by plane, weather permitting, and dog team. It is most fascinating to see the dog teams come in.

"The work at the hospital is of all types. The doctor-in-charge must be able to bind up a tiny bruised hand of a child, extract teeth, fit glasses, or do major surgery. My experience in China fitted me for it. We did three major operations in two weeks. Believe me it is a job to do major surgery. I operate with a nurse as my assistant, a nurse as the anaesthetist, and a nurse as a floater. The assistant must be my assistant and at the same time instrument nurse, etc. But it is fun to know what can be done. I had a wide experience in surgery in China and so go right on here. Then of course we have babies born, medical cases and whatnot. I assure you there is not one dull moment here. Again many thanks for the books; we enjoy them."

It is a great pleasure to welcome a new branch of the Church Periodical Club in our Diocese, S. Paul, West Whiteland, with Mrs. Lardner Howell as the C. P. C. Secretary. Each new branch strengthens and helps in the fulfillment of answering the needy requests.

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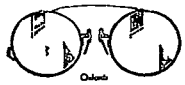

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Training Chaplains

The Army Chaplain School, formerly at Fort Benjamin Harrison, has been transferred to Harvard University. Students are quartered on the university grounds. The first class graduated from the newly located school contained eleven Episcopal chaplains, among whom the Rev. Louis Sasse of this Diocese was one.

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CHURCH MUSIC IN WARTIME

By HAROLD W. GILBERT

In the middle of the 17th century, during the days of the English Commonwealth, church music suffered such a severe setback that boy choirs in England seemed doomed. And the excesses of the period were committed by Englishmen against Englishmen, not by foreigners.

The Puritans felt that they had many grievances against ritualism, and vested choirs were included in their condemnation. Rebuke was well deserved if we may believe the implications of a committee report of Parliament recommending "that the music used in cathedral and collegiate churches be framed with less curiosity; and that no hymns or anthems be used where ditties are framed by private men." Music in the churches was even labelled "useless and hurtful."

It is little wonder that when open rebellion came the Puritans marched through the land destroying church organs and scattering choir music in the streets. They had always hated bishops and cathedrals and ornate services. They now did away with every vestige of ritualism, and probably thought they thus did God service. Parliament had passed a bill which classed organs as "superstitious monuments." Few organs survived, and these only by being spirited away by faithful guardians. They were the years of famine in cathedral music. Choirs were no longer trained and organists no longer practiced their profession. For fourteen years there was no church music in England.

Then came the "Restoration." An effort was made to recapture the lost art of training boys' voices and to re-establish cathedral choirs. It proved to be a long and uphill task, and only because of royal patronage did it finally succeed. But the break was fatal to Tudor music —that extraordinary development of musical composition patterned upon the style of Palestrina and called the "Golden Age of English Music." Only in recent decades has the remarkable treasury of that earlier period been brought to light once more. Its church music had been all but lost and forgotten for nearly three centuries.

Such is the fortune of war, and such the effect upon art. It behooves us who are entrusted with the guardianship of our church music to take our stewardship seriously and to preserve with vigilance the treasures we possess. Let us not be guilty of carelessness in maintaining standards, nor of indifference to the encroachments of musical gloss parading under the guise of patriotism.

During the last world war we were tempted into many excesses. Music publishers were prevailed upon to print stuff calculated to fire our hatred for the enemy, although much of this material was cleverly disguised for church use. We must today be alert against such misuse of our stewardship. Our Church should be able to stand by our flag without stooping to cheap emotionalism. Let us not encourage musical curiosities composed for "ditties . . . framed by private men." When beset by doubts as to the worthiness of texts, let us take refuge behind the authority of the Prayer Book which allows "anthems in the words of Holy Scripture or of the Book of Common Prayer." Our musical instincts must be our guide in appraising music newly composed in war-time and intended for church use. Some of it may be excellent; much of it will be super-heated. As we glance backward over the years of World War No. 1, we church musicians find cause to hang our heads. The music we then introduced into services of worship may have seemed timely and patriotic, but today it seems to bear a remarkable resemblance to highly seasoned dish-water. Like the rest of our countrymen, in war-time we go overboard.

But apart from the question of musical standards, the case for conservatism may be summed up something like this: In time of great strain and anxiety people instinctively seek the seclusion of cloister walls. They long for relief from argument and unnatural excitement and propaganda and worry. They crave the refreshment that derives from quiet meditation. On a Sunday morning how little do they care for war sermons and martial music and other forms of patriotic stimulation. They want to get their sense of values straightened out; to listen to the simple truths of Christianity; to sing the hymns that remind them of earlier and peaceful days. They want to spend those few precious minutes a little removed from the sound of men's quarrelings and a little nearer to the sound of God's voice.

Organ Recitals

At the Church of the Atonement, 47th and Kingsessing Avenue, Mr. Robert B. Miller, Mus. Bac. (Oxon.), A. R. C. O., Organist and Choirmaster at St James's Episcopal Church, Philadelphia, presented the first in a monthly series of organ recitals sponsored by the Pennsylvania Chapter, American Guild of Organists, on Wednesday evening, October 14th.

Mr. Thomas Matthews, F. A. G. O., will give the second recital November 11th at 8:15 o'clock. Mr. Matthews is Organist and Choirmaster at St. Martin's-in-the-Fields, Chestnut Hill.

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The Churchwoman's Club sustained a heavy blow in the loss of our beloved President, Mrs. J. Alison Scott, who has been a magnificent leader for the last five years. We, who are carrying on the affairs of the Club, have a heavy responsibility but a wonderful example to follow.

Do you know that we have a beautiful library equipped with fine books which are at the disposal of the members of the Club? We have several large and attractive rooms for meetings and for informal gatherings. Many of the Diocesan groups are finding the use of these quarters very convenient and comfortable, and we welcome more use of the Club by others. Hostesses are in attendance every afternoon, including Sunday. On Tuesday we have a supper—voluntary contribution—followed by a program, either educational, musical, religious or social.

Bishop Taitt had the service of blessing the Club a little over a year ago, when we had finished paying for our lovely house. The Bishop will come again to greet his friends on the occasion of a reception to the Bishop Coadjutor and Mrs. Hart at the Club, December 29, 4 to 5:30 o'clock.

On Thursday, November 12, we will hold a bazaar at the Club, and hope you will take this opportunity of getting acquainted with us. Luncheon, tea and supper will be served in our attractive dining room and there will be a place also for quiet and rest. We have a group doing Red Cross work, and sewing for several of our Diocesan institutions meeting every Friday from 10 A. M. to 9:30 P. M. Club members and their friends are welcome.

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Bishop Hart Honored

The Philadelphia Federation of Churches gave a luncheon in honor of the Right Rev. Oliver J. Hart and Mrs. Hart at the Warwick Hotel, Tuesday, November 3, 1942. Ministers and their wives, Philadelphia and vicinity, were invited. The committee in charge, of which the Rev. E. Felix Kloman was chairman, included representatives of twenty-four denominations.

(THE CHURCH NEWS would have reported the proceedings more fully but the November issue was already in the printer's hands.)

Corporate Communion

The Brotherhood of St. Andrew will observe nationally the 25th annual Corporate Communion on the Sunday nearest to St. Andrew's Day, the first Sunday in Advent, November 29, 1942.

A special prayer has been authorized for this service:

All through this year, O Lord, let me touch as many lives as possible for Thee. And every life I touch, do Thou, by Thy Holy Spirit, quicken, whether through the word I speak, the prayer I breathe, the letters I write, or the life I live. For this service, O Lord, may I receive Thyself at Thine Altar. AMEN.

The Church Club—1942-1943

November 17, 1942—Holy Trinity Parish House—Supper meeting. Anglican Church History, by Dr. Leicester C. Lewis.

December 14, 1942—North Garden, Bellevue-Stratford—Reception and dinner, 6 P. M. Addresses by Bishop Francis M. Taitt and Bishop Coadjutor Oliver J. Hart.

January 22, 1943—Christian Association, 3601 Locust Street—Supper meeting. Church Architecture, illustrated by W. Edwin Collier.

February 22, 1943—Holy Trinity Church. Washington's Birthday Communion, in co-operation with Brotherhood of St. Andrew, followed by breakfast.

March 25, 1943—To be announced.

April 16, 1943—Seamen's Church Institute, 211 Walnut Street — Supper meeting. Speaker to be announced.

May 21, 1943—Episcopal Academy—Supper meeting. Subject, Stained Glass Windows. Speaker to be announced.

Clerical Brotherhood

Meetings at the Church House on Mondays at 11:30 A. M.:

Oct. 26—The Rev. J. A. MacCallum, Minister, Walnut Street Presbyterian Church. "The Lost Leadership of the Church."

Nov. 2—The Rev. F. A. Warden, Rector, Christ Church, Ridley Park. "Christian Prayer in a Highly Scientific World."

Nov. 9—The Rt. Rev. Oliver J. Hart, D.D., Bishop Coadjutor, Diocese of Pennsylvania.

Nov. 16—The Rev. E. B. Wood, Rector, St. Timothy, Roxborough. "The Work of the War Commission."

Nov. 23—The Rev. E. H. Carhart, Rector, St. Mark, Frankford.

Nov. 30—Dr. Raymon Kistler, President, Beaver College, Jenkintown, Pa.

All the clergy of the Diocese are invited.

A Service Flag

On Sunday, November 1, 1942, a service flag with one large gold star and the numerals 123, was unfurled with appropriate ceremonies at the Seamen's Church Institute. This was in recognition and remembrance of 123 merchant seamen from Philadelphia and vicinity reported by the Navy Intelligence Service as having been lost due to enemy action.

The Rev. John R. Hart, Rector of Washington Memorial Chapel, Valley Forge, delivered the address on "These Have Not Died in Vain."

On the same occasion, Mr. Walter H. Scott, Executive Director, told of the organization and program of the Philadelphia Branch of United Seamen's Service, which is to open its clubhouse in the Keith Mansion, 237 South 4th Street, on Friday, November 20th.

Reception to Bishop Hart

The Women's Committee and the Auxiliaries of the Seamen's Church Institute have issued invitations to a reception to be given Rt. Rev. Oliver J. Hart and Mrs. Hart at the Institute, 211 Walnut Street, on Thursday, November 5th, 3-5 P. M. A brief service in the chapel will be followed by a reception in the Board Room. Tea will be served in the restaurant at 50c, the proceeds to go to the War Emergency Improvement Fund.

Films Available

Official war films designed to stimulate morale on the home front have now been released to the public through the Office of War Information.

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IN MEMORIAM

REV. ABEL J. ARKIN

Rev. Abel John Arkin, Rector of St. George's Protestant Episcopal Church, Indiana Avenue and Livingston Street, Port Richmond, died Sunday afternoon, Oct. 4, 1942, in the office of the Church. He was 73.

Besides his clerical duties, Mr. Arkin was known for his interest in labor unions and his leadership in civic activities.

He was a telegraph operator for the Great Northern Railroad at Butte, Mont., and in Southern California before coming East to study at the University of Pennsylvania. He was graduated from the university and from Philadelphia Divinity School.

Ordained a priest, he took up his ministry at St. George's Church in 1901.

Mr. Arkin's interest in labor affairs resulted in his election as secretary to the grand chief of the Order of Railroad Telegraphers, his appointment as a mediator under the National Recovery Act and his selection as an honorary delegate to the Central Labor Union, A. F. L. governing body here.

He was a national secretary-treasurer of the Christian Social Union and a delegate to many labor conventions. Years ago he was a leader in the fight to outlaw child labor in Pennsylvania.

Mr. Arkin was an active backer of the Octavia Hill Settlement Project and other social work in the Port Richmond section. He was a Mason and a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows.

His funeral was held in St. George's on Wednesday, Oct. 7th, at 2.30 P. M. A goodly number of the Clergy and a large congregation attended. Bishop Taitt read the prayers.

Interment was in the yard of the Emmanuel Church, Holmesburg.

Memorial Resolution

The Convocation of North Philadelphia at its fall meeting adopted the following minute:

WHEREAS: it has pleased Almighty God to take from us our brother, the Rev. Abel John Arkin, a priest of this Diocese, and Vicar of St. George's Mission, Richmond:

BE IT RESOLVED: that the Convocation of North Philadelphia, assembled at the Church of the Resurrection on October 13, 1942, express its sorrow at the passing of a beloved friend and associate, and its thankfulness to God for his life and work.

Mr. Arkin was born in Kovno, which was at that time in Russia, in 1863. He came to this country about 1880 with a group which sought to build a socialist colony in North Dakota. Later he was a railroad telegrapher, and became interested in the labor movement, publishing a weekly labor paper in Chicago. In 1897 he came to Philadelphia and enrolled in the Philadelphia Divinity School. He was ordained by Bishop Whitaker, and spent his entire ministry at St. George's, Richmond. His influence extended far beyond his mission. He was an honorary delegate to the Philadelphia Central Labor Union, of the American Federation of Labor, and was national secretary and treasurer of the Christian Social Union. He served as mediator in many labor disputes under the National Industrial Recovery Act. He was the chief influence in securing Powers Park, the Cohosink Playground, a public library, and in influencing the City Council to build the Jones Junior High School. He exerted a great and continual influence for good in his community for many years, and his life is an illustration of the power which comes with full consecration to the service of Jesus Christ.

We give thanks to God for the life of one of His saints.

Frederick Wistar Morris, Jr.

The Rector and Vestry of All Hallows Church, Wyncote, desire to place on record their deep sense of loss in the death on July 19, 1942, of Frederick Wistar Morris, Jr. Mr. Morris was elected to the Vestry on December 8, 1913, and served continuously from that time. From April, 1914, until May, 1933, he served as Secretary of the Vestry, a duty which he fulfilled with painstaking care and faithfulness. Faithfulness to duty was a cardinal principle of his life, and the unfailing regularity of his Church attendance was an example and inspiration. Service on the Vestry was one of his major interests, and in later years, when going out at night was difficult for him, the meetings of the Vestry were almost always held in his home. We shall greatly miss his steady faithfulness, his generous giving, and his kindly hospitality. May he rest in peace.

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The Annual September Meeting of the Junior Daughters of the King was held at St. Thomas', Whitemarsh, on September 12, 1942. Our Chapters were well represented, the girls arriving as early as 2 P. M. Games on the beautiful lawns began shortly, ending with our traditional Treasure Hunt. At 4 P. M. we assembled in the Chapel for our devotions and meditations. Service was conducted by members of the Messiah Chapter, Comly Street and Roosevelt Blvd. The theme, Our Obedience to the Will of God, had been suggested by Lucille Bromley, Jr., Daughter Representative to the Ursinus Conference. The Chapter made this meditation their summer project and its presentation was perfect. An interesting discussion followed.

A short business meeting was held after which Lucille Bromley gave us her report of the Ursinus Conference. Supper was prepared and served by the Senior Daughters of St. Thomas'; their hospitality was greatly appreciated.

We were on our way home by 7 P. M., but those 5 hours had been packed full of fun and exercise, devotion and self-examination, and finally good things to eat. We are looking forward to being together again in November at the Joint Senior and Junior Meeting.

Episcopal Hospital

The May Fete Committee of the Episcopal Hospital extends to each of the Auxiliaries its most appreciative thanks for the generous donations to the May Fete Fund, and their splendid cooperation. Many, despite transportation difficulties, were able to attend the tea which was given by the committee in honor of Auxiliary and Parish members. This gave us all great pleasure.

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There were also some thirty parishioners from Washington and many from Boston. Clergy of the Diocese, their wives, Diocesan and Parish workers had an opportunity to be together in a social way that is not often possible.

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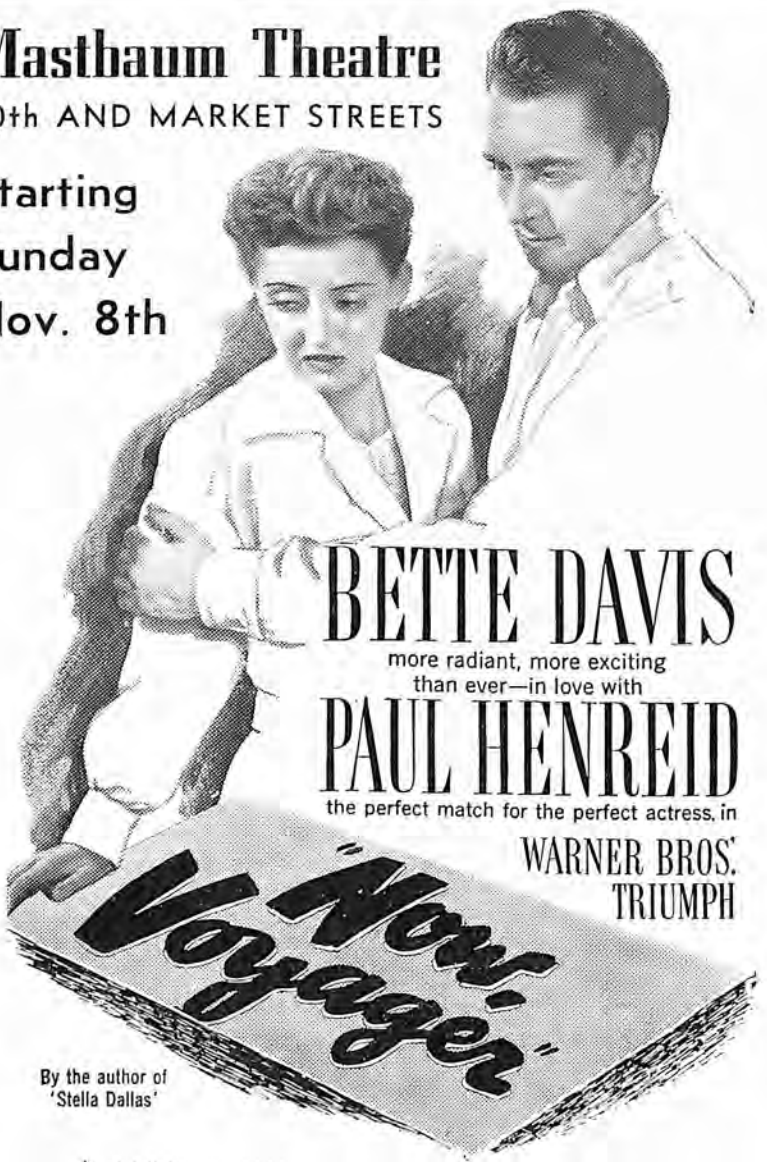

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